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BOMB DROPPED ON COAST CITY

German Aeroplane Missile Explodes in Dover Garden Without Damage.

FRENCH ANNOUNCE SUCCESS

Capture Numerous Trenches of Teutons and Repulse All Counter Attacks.

London, Dec. 24.—An official press bureau announcement issued today says:

"An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden, and exploded. There was no damage. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It departed immediately, passing out over the sea. British air craft went up, but did not see the enemy. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

Paris, Dec. 24.—An official communication issued today says:

"From the sea to the Lys we made progress by capturing operations in the Dunes and repulsed attack in front of Lombardzede. At Zwarteleen, south-east of Ypres we occupied a group of houses and drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter-attack of the enemy, despite a spirited fire from the German artillery."

"The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser to south of Dixmude and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge."

"In the region of the Arras fog still made all operations impossible."

"In the region of the Aisne the Zouaves yesterday held back bravely a number of attacks; they remained masters, at a point near the road of Puidene of the German trenches occupied by us December 21."

"In the Champagne district we strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before in the region of Craonne and Rheims."

"In the vicinity of the Perthes all the counter attacks of the enemy on the position conquered by us December 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Meublès-Les-Hurlus we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards and we drove back the counter attack. The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the direction of Ville-Sur-Tourne, but our artillery dispersed them."

"In the Argonne region we took possession of a piece of ground in the forest of La Graciale and in the vicinity of Bazenville we repulsed a German attack."

"In the forest of Apremont our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches."

London, Dec. 24.—The latest official casualty list covering the week of December 8 to 15 shows twenty-three officers killed, and eighty-one wounded. The total casualties among officers to date is 2,325.

NURSE'S ACTION HELPS MAUBUEGE

Conquerors Favor City Because Young Girl Honored Kaiser's Nephew In Death After Encounter.

Boulogne, Dec. 24.—Because a young French Red Cross nurse took a particular interest in a 18 year old German lieutenant who was brought unconscious into the hospital at Maubuege and died three days later the little manufacturing city of Maubuege has been highly favored by the German conquerors and is enjoying a greater degree of freedom than any of the other French border towns in German territory.

The wounded German proved to be the prince of Saxe-Melungen nephew of the emperor. He had suffered a fractured skull in an encounter with a French chasseur, and died without regaining consciousness. At the suggestion of the little nurse, the local authorities rendered the prince funeral honors due his rank, photographed the body and coffin and sent the photographs, together with the personal belongings of the prince and a detailed account of his illness to his family at Melungen. This occurred while the town was still under French control.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and Friday with probably rain turning to snow, colder tonight.

	7 a. m.	8 a. m.	9 a. m.	10 a. m.	11 a. m.	12 noon	1 p. m.	2 p. m.	3 p. m.
Temp.	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Wind	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Clouds	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Humidity	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
Barometer	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1

The southwestern "howl" is central near El Paso this morning. This disturbance is giving general rains in the lower Mississippi valley, the southern Plains States and southern Rocky Mountains. A secondary depression, central near Chicago, is causing snow in the Lake region and Ohio valley. The precipitation area is spreading eastward over the East half and Atlantic districts. Generally fair weather has prevailed in the northern Plains States, northern Rocky Mountains and Idaho, Utah and Nevada. Temperatures are reasonably close to the seasonal averages in other sections of the country.

ONE SURVIVES.

New York, Dec. 24.—Five members of the family of Mrs. Mary Corso, including the mother, were suffocated today when fire attacked their five-story tenement. They lived on the top floor. The only surviving member of the family, Arthur Corso, a telephone operator at the Polytechnic hospital was on duty when the fire started and ordered an ambulance and surgeons to the scene. Scores of other tenants escaped scantily clad.

BUSINESS MOVES SLOW-MARSHALL

Vice-President Says That People of United States Want Results Too Quick.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 24.—"We claim the right to deal with all nations, irrespective of their private wars," said Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall today on his arrival to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kimsey, of Scottsdale. The statement was made by the vice-president in commenting on the recent meeting of representatives of American nations at Washington, where the right of neutrals was discussed.

"The United States must have a world market," continued Mr. Marshall, "and will get it under the democratic administration."

He discussed the copper strike situation in which Arizona is vitally interested, as an example, "of the folly of the home market idea, advanced by well-meaning but poorly posted citizens."

Commenting on the election, the vice-president said the results showed a disposition on the part of the people to give the democratic policies a fair trial. He added that the trouble with the people of the United States was that they wanted results at once.

"They are like the children who plant seeds one day and dig them up the next to see if they have sprouted yet," he said.

"But business changes must come slowly."

When he arrived with Mrs. Marshall from Washington this morning the vice-president was suffering from a severe cold.

SELLING IMPURE FOOD

Arrests Are Made by Health Officers on Charge of Selling Meat and Nuts Not Up to Standard.

As a result of reports coming into the city health department today several arrests were made by health officers for selling impure foods. G. I. Garrison, an inspector, arrested Frank Mikoskie, owner of a meat and grocery shop at 630 West Potawatomi on a charge of selling impure and spoiled meats. Mikoskie is a Bohemian.

Three retail vendors who were accused of selling rancid and spoiled nuts were also arrested this morning. The three men, A. C. Whitman, W. H. Kline and W. S. Gray, were arrested by J. T. Hawkins of the city health department.

A decided effort is now being made to rid the city of men of this nature, according to health officers. For years it has been a practice of some vendors to buy in large lots partially spoiled nuts and sell them cheap in large quantities. The practice is being stamped out by the vigorous methods used by health officers.

DUE FOR A SKINNING

Those Who Attend the Dollar Banquet For State Officials Should Leave All Their Egotism at Home.

It is to be a skinning, of course, but it will all be funny for those who are not to have the hide taken off. It will be done at the dollar banquet—and some of them deserve all they get.

"O wad some power the giffle gie us to see ourselves as others see us! It wad free many a blunder free us, and foolish notions!"

What airs in dress and gait wad free us, and ev'n devotion!"

This the Scotch poet's idea of things as they would be if we could go through the mirror into looking-glass land. It is predicted that the power will be there and the giffle will be given at the "dollar banquet" on the night of January 8. Just what is to happen nobody, not even the reporters, are permitted to know, but it is rumored that there will be a showing up of caricatures. Those 700 tickets are going fast for every one wants to see the other fellow in the limelight, but it must be remembered that the fun is likely to be settled on just any one.

"Stand aside and watch yourself go by," said a Howler bard. Everyone will have to stand aside on the night of this memorable affair, but each one will have the satisfaction of seeing others through the laughing camera too.

When asked what the program is to be, Elmer E. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said: "That's the secret. There is no program—it is all to be fun." And that settles it, for when Elmer Brown won't talk, he won't. But he did say: "There'll be something doing."

THE UNBELIEVERS.



TAX EXEMPTION FOR FARM CROP

Williams Says He Will Recommend Relief For Cotton Growers.

Ardmore, Ok., Dec. 24.—Cotton growers and business men who are generally affected directly by the cotton crop probably will have introduced in the legislature immediately after it convenes, a bill which would exempt crops on hand after the first of January from taxation. Under the law all such crops left on hand became subject to taxation.

A large amount of cotton has been stored in this county the present season, the farmers waiting for better prices. If this should be held for taxes it would create adverse conditions among the farmers and those dependent upon the resources of the cotton crop. The matter of exempting the cotton was taken up with County Attorney Hardy and in turn Governor-elect Williams was asked his advice. County Attorney Hardy has received a letter from the governor-elect saying that in his message to the legislature he would recommend that all products of the farm held after the first of the year be exempt from taxation.

There probably is no doubt but that the legislature will willingly pass such a bill that would give this relief. Not only here but in almost every community of the state where cotton has been grown to any extent, exemption from taxation would prove a great relief, and it is natural that representatives to the legislature from these communities would support such a measure to the fullest extent.

SHIP GREEK LEPER

Cost United States Immigration Bureau \$1,000 to Take Victim From St. Louis to Trans-Atlantic Liner.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—How a Greek leper, Anastasios Lotos, recently discovered in St. Louis, was taken secretly to New York and put in the isolation ward of a trans-Atlantic liner for deportation at an expense of approximately \$1,000 to the United States Immigration Bureau at St. Louis has become known here. A special car was engaged at a cost of \$500 and permission was obtained from the board of health of every state between St. Louis and New York through which the railroad runs. A government revenue cutter carried the leper to the passenger ship.

TWO OFFICERS ARE INJURED WHEN AEROPLANE WRECKS

Oceanside, Cal., Dec. 24.—Lieutenant Ralph Holliday observer on the United States army scouting aeroplane which left Los Angeles for San Diego yesterday was slightly injured near here, when the aeroplane piloted by Lieutenant J. V. Morrow was wrecked in landing.

Holliday was badly cut about the head and face. Morrow escaped with a few bruises. The machine was badly wrecked.

TWO DROWN IN ARIZONA WASH OUTS

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—The Santa Cruz river, heretofore called "river," by courtesy of map makers, is on the worst rampage of a generation and the San Pedro river west of Blaine is a stream a mile wide. Other streams were swollen in proportion. Railroad tracks have been washed out, building flooded or carried away and property damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars as the result of a seven days rain in southern Arizona.

National guardsmen returning to Tucson confirmed reports that two Mexicans were drowned at Sahuarita. The militiamen said it was reported that other lives were lost in the flooded districts.

Nogales still is isolated from communication with surrounding towns.

HIGH HIDE RATE IS CANCELLED

Freight Tariff Increases on Carload Lots Held Unjustifiable By Corporation Commission.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Freight rate increases on bales and pellets in carloads from Oklahoma points to St. Louis and eastern destinations were held unjustifiable and ordered cancelled by the interstate commerce commission today. It was decided that the Oklahoma rate should not be more than three cents a hundred pounds higher than that from Wichita to St. Louis and not less than five and a quarter cents lower than from Fort Worth, Texas.

ST. LOUIS BUILDINGS MUST REMOVE REVOLVING DOORS

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Fifty buildings including five large department stores have been notified by the building commissioner to remove the revolving screen doors at their entrance and to replace them with doors opening outwards. The building commissioner said revolving doors would not facilitate the speedy exit of a crowd in an emergency.

JAY WALKERS MUST BEGIN TO LOOK OUT

Christmas day will mark a dead line on jay walking, say the traffic officers along the Main street beat and all jays will be arrested on the slightest offense after that day. Since the application of the jay law many have been violating right under the noses of the traffic men. The time of truce is now past, however, according to the officers.

Since the law went into effect several weeks ago there has been but one arrest for either jay walking or driving on account of the seemingly slowness of people in understanding the law. The officers now believe that everyone with the exception of transients, has had long enough to learn the rules, and the transgressor in the future will fare hard.

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CALL IS ISSUED TO REPUBLICANS

Conference of Party Members of Legislature Is Wanted By Tom Testerman.

Tom Testerman of Morrison, Republican member of the lower house of the legislature from Noble county, and the oldest Republican in point of service in the legislature, has issued a call for a conference of Republican members of the legislature to be held at the Skirvin hotel in Oklahoma City January 4 at 10 o'clock in the morning.

It is expected that at this meeting a general policy to be pursued by the Republican members of the legislature will be discussed and it is likely that at the same time the Republicans will name their candidate for speaker of the lower house. John Fields, Republican candidate for governor, and Arthur H. Gelsler, chairman of the state Republican state central committee, will attend the meeting.

The Republican members of the lower house of the new legislature are J. C. Smith, Cherokee; L. A. Everhart, Bickford; William J. Ladd, Britton; C. H. Holmes, Gage; J. A. Marsh, Kingfisher; Tom Testerman, Morrison; Eldon E. Sans, Delaware; W. H. Olmstead, Wynoka; E. O. McCance, Mutual; Howard M. Drake, Dombey; Marvin M. McCord, Elmdale; Henry W. Hendley, Ponca City; Jake Zahndell, Prague; Ed C. Keegan, Chandler; Amos A. Ewing, Guthrie; O. B. Acton, Lovell; J. T. Dickerson, Edmond; Jesse B. Norton, Oklahoma City.

PROMINENT ARIZONA LEADER AND FORMER EDITOR IS DEAD

Prescott, Ariz., Dec. 24.—State Senator M. G. Cuniff, member of the Arizona constitutional convention, president of the senate of the first Arizona legislature and at one time associate editor of the World's Work died last night. Some years ago Mr. Cuniff was private secretary to Alton B. Parker, democratic presidential candidate in 1904.

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SNOW PROMISED.

A Christmas day snow fall was predicted for Oklahoma City and the state by the weather bureau today. The rain will continue today and tonight and a downward drop in the temperature will turn it into snow Friday, said the weather man.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A white Christmas from New England to the Great Lakes is indicated by the weather bureau predictions for tomorrow, which say unsettled weather, probably snow will prevail.

FAKE CURRENCY MAKER TAKEN

Man With International Reputation Captured By Detective in Isolated Village.

New Haven, Conn. Dec. 24.—Philip Lieberman, an alleged counterfeiter, known as John Davis, was arrested today in a small house in an isolated section of the little village of Marlborough by Chief William J. Flynn of the United States secret service and assistants and was brought to New Haven.

According to Chief Flynn Davis was sentenced in 1902 to thirteen and one-half years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. for counterfeiting. He has been out on parole for nearly two years.

When the secret service men entered the house they found dyes, presses, and other paraphernalia for making ten dollar notes.

Davis was arrested in England in 1906, with several confederates. Davis gave king's evidence. Chief Flynn says and was freed, going to Belgium and later returning to this country.

While in England Davis and his friends are said to have counterfeited many Russian bills and the equivalent of half a million dollars of Bank of England notes. For giving evidence against his companions, Chief Flynn says, Davis received \$2,500.

Davis, with a number of companions had been arrested in this country in the summer of 1890 for circulating spurious ten dollar notes at race tracks. Davis escaped and fled to England where he later fell in the clutches of Scotland Yard.

EDITOR OF SALVATION ARMY PAPER IS DEAD

Hartford, Conn. Dec. 24.—Miss Jennie Newcomb, editor of the Salvation Army Sunday School lessons died at the Hartford hospital last night following an operation for appendicitis. She was a graduate of Wellesley college.

TO RECOMMEND ROOMS, NO BARS

E. B. Howard Believes All Sent to Reformatory Should Not Be Prisoners.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new buildings at the state reformatory at Granite, and within the next two months all buildings will be completed and occupied. E. B. Howard, member of the board of affairs, has just completed inspection of the buildings and visiting the institution for information to include in his recommendations to the legislature for the needs of the place.

New cells providing for about 500 inmates have all been set in place and many of them are now being used. The big dining room now is being used, and all other portions of the buildings are utilized as rapidly as they can be completed.

Mr. Howard will make recommendations for further improvements at the reformatory, in the effort to make it as much of a school of preparation of the boys who are sent away from it as it is possible. Many similar institutions throughout the United States are taking a humane view of the work to be done by these particular penal institutions and much progress in the right direction has already been made.

One of the recommendations that will be made will be for a building to be used more as a dormitory than anything else. This building will be supplied with rooms to be used by inmates who indicate definite ideas of reform. When prisoners are first received there it is not known what sort of conduct they intend to practice. If they exhibit any desire to become reformed it will be the purpose of the management of the institution to encourage them all possible.

In a building such as mentioned above their term of probation is over they would be given a room in that building to be used as if it were a room in a boarding house, and they would not be surrounded with the common environments of a cell with iron bars to remind them of their plight.

Another thing Mr. Howard will recommend the legislature and that is that the state have a lot of fine granite there with plenty of labor among the inmates to get out the rock and have it finished ready for building purposes. He will recommend that it be used instead of sending to some other state for building material.

BATTLE RAGING BEFORE WARSAW

Result of Great Contest For Possession of Polish City Still in Doubt.

BOTH TAKE MANY PRISONERS

Several Austrian Companies Completely Annihilated in Pryemysl Sortie.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—Today's statement of official press bureau says: "On the left bank of Pilica obstinate fighting continues in the region of the villages of Jessozee and Rojko-wawoia."

"On the right bank of Pilica we made progress in the vicinity Opoczno and Tomaszow."

"In Gullcia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured, on December 20 and 21, sixty-six officers and 5,000 men, three cannon and ten mitrailleuses."

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Berlin, Dec. 24.—Official communication today says:

"The enemy did not renew attacks in the neighborhood of Stenport yesterday. At Bischofte we took 200 prisoners December 22."

"The enemy again was active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the region of Souan and Petites. These were repulsed."

"In the east we have assumed an offensive and are advancing from Niedenburg and Soldau. We have repulsed the Russians after several days fighting at Miawa, northern Poland, and the enemy's positions at Miawa again are in our hands. More than 1000 prisoners were taken in these battles."

"At the confluence of the Beura and Rakwa rivers fierce bayonet attacks took place. The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica river, in the district south-east of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely but were repulsed by Austro-Germans with heavy losses."

London, Dec. 24.—Crystal Palace, London's famous recreation ground will be closed to the public from New Year's day until the end of the war to provide training quarters for soldiers.

RACE CASE IS BEING ARGUED

Judge Clark Will Decide Whether Tulsa Case Is to Be Tried or Demurred Out of the Courts.

Arguments to dismiss the \$50,000 damage suit instituted against Governor Lee Cruise, Adjutant General Frank M. Canton, and Major Winfield Scott by R. J. Allison in the Tulsa race case are being heard today in the district court before Judge George W. Clark.

The plaintiff claims that the governor and his officers had no right to interfere with the Tulsa race last spring, as there was in effect at that time an injunction granted him by the superior court of Tulsa county joining the national guard from such interference. This plea is brought under the alleged protection of section 14, article 2, of the constitution of Oklahoma, which says the military powers shall always be held in strict subordination to the civil authorities.

That the officers are immune by virtue of their office the plaintiff claims cannot be sustained by the court in constance with the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, which says that "no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

On the other hand it is contended that the governor of the state at all times has the right to call out the militia to enforce the laws, suppress insurrection or prevent invasion; that in this case there was in his estimation about to be committed a violation of the law and that therefore the governor acted within the bounds of his authority.

FUND FOR GIRLS SCHOOL NEAR TWO MILLION WORK

Boston, Dec. 24.—Wellesley college has obtained in cash and pledges all but \$54,000 of the restoration and endowment fund two million dollars started after the destruction of College Hall by fire according to a statement last night by Bishop William Lawrence.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS WITHDRAWN FOR XMAS

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—More than \$500,000 in new money has been withdrawn from the federal treasury here for distribution as Christmas gifts. It was said by W. D. Vandiver, sub-treasurer. The sub-treasury balance in the bank had ever recorded her totaling \$54,500,000.